

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2000-368-W/S - ORDER NO. 2001-013

JANUARY 3, 2001

IN RE: Generic Proceeding to Investigate the Proper) ORDER
Accounting Treatment of Plant Impact Fees) DISMISSING
for Water and Wastewater Utilities.) PROCEEDING

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion to Dismiss the present proceeding filed by Palmetto Utilities, Inc. (Palmetto). In Order No. 2000-481, a panel of this Commission established a generic docket, the purpose of which is to investigate the proper accounting treatment of plant impact fees in general in water and wastewater cases. Palmetto now asks for dismissal of this matter.

Among other reasons cited, Palmetto notes that there are certain Commission regulations that already exist concerning the topic. Accordingly, Palmetto states a belief that this proceeding could alter the accounting treatment of plant impact fees, and that, therefore, a rulemaking proceeding would be a more appropriate vehicle for the Commission to use to examine this question, since certain regulations could be modified. Although we express no opinion on the other grounds cited by Palmetto in support of its Motion, we agree with this point. We therefore agree that a rulemaking proceeding is the appropriate vehicle for examination of the accounting treatment of plant impact fees, and

hold that the present generic docket should be dismissed accordingly. We order Staff to commence the rulemaking process.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)